Maharashtra for the year 1996-97 and thereafter have not been indicated by the Central Electricity Authority. However the coal companies are in a position to supply coal for the next five years to the existing power stations in Maharashtra as per the long term linkages which have been accorded to them.

कच्छ क्षेत्र में प्रोमोशनल ड्रिलिंग

1392. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात के कच्छ क्षेत्र में शुरू की गयी प्रोमोशनल ड्रिलिंग के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन क्षेत्रों में बड़ी मात्रा में लिग्नाइट उपलब्ध है; और

(ग) क्या इन क्षेत्रों में उपलब्ध लिग्नाइट की विदेशों में बहुत ज्यादा मांग है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) से (ग) भारतीय भू-सर्वेक्षण द्वारा क्षेत्रीय अन्वेषण के दौरान गुजरात के कच्छ क्षेत्र में (जो कि सभी कच्छ जिले में है) लिग्नाइट के 28.48 मिलियन टन भंडार स्थापित किये गये हैं।

Landless Agricultural Labourers in the Country

1393. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI NAGMANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of landless agricultural labourers in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme for the welfare of landless agricultural labourers in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The Government are implementing a number of poverty alleviation and employment generation schemes like IRDP, JRY, EAS, IAY, TRYSEM, DWCRA etc., which are designed especially to benefit rural poor including landless agricultural labourers. During the VIIIth Plan, outlay for rural development is Rs. 30,000 crore as against Rs. 10,650 crore during the previous plan period.

Statement

S. No.	State/U.T.	No. of Agricultural Labourers (1991 Census)
	INDIA	74,597,744 (excluding J&K)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,625,159
2.	Assam	844,964
3.	Bihar	9,512,892
4.	Gujarat	3,230,547
5.	Haryana	896,782
6.	Himachal Pradesh	58,668
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	—
8.	Karnataka	4,999,959
9.	Kerala	2,120,452
10.	Madhya Pradesh	5,863,029
11.	Maharashtra	8,313,223
12.	Manipur	47,350
13.	Meghalaya	89,492
14.	Nagaland	7,223
15.	Orissa	2,976,750
16.	Punjab	1,452,828
17.	Rajasthan	1,391,670
18.	Sikkim	12,851
19.	Tamil Nadu	7,896,295
20.	Tripura	187,538
21.	Uttar Pradesh	7,833,258
22.	West Bengal	5,055,478
23.	A & N Islands	4,989
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	20,054
25.	Chandigarh	1,642
26.	D & N Haveli	6,233
27.	Delhi	25,195
28.	Goa	35,284
29.	Daman & Diu	1,199
30.	Lakshdweep	—
31.	Mizoram	9,527
32.	Pondicherry	77,203